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1. During recent months the following tendencies in Soviet troop concentrations in Poland [REDACTED]

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- a. Soviet troops are now being concentrated in fewer areas, but the number of units and troops at each location is being increased considerably.
- b. The troop encampments have been removed from areas of principal highways and railroads, and a definite effort is being made to isolate them from the Polish population.
- c. Travel east of the Vistula has become increasingly difficult. This area is practically forbidden to foreigners, and Poles from other parts of Poland have much difficulty in procuring a permit to enter this area.

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2. In the vicinity of Pila (Schneidemühl), west of Bydgoszcz (Bromberg), the following Soviet troops [redacted] during November 1949:

- a. Two infantry regiments and one artillery regiment were quartered in the city of Pila proper.

- b. About 3 km. north of Fila and west of Koschütz the Soviet Air Force is maintaining a former German air base. This base is now described as large, modernized, and in very good condition. At the time of [redacted] 25X1X

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- c. About 30 km. north of Pila, at Jastrowo (Jastrow), there is a well-built military camp which, according to estimates, can comfortably house 20,000 troops. At the present time about 20,000 Soviet troops are quartered here, including 3 motorized infantry regiments, 2 motorized artillery regiments, 1 anti-aircraft group consisting of approximately 60 guns of 85-mm. caliber, 1 armored group with approximately 150 tanks, plus engineer troops, signal units, quartermaster units, etc.

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